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Inside Your Third

The Newsletter for the Third Taxing District Electric Department

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Your Commission

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At its August 25th meeting adjourned from the August 18th regular meeting, the Third Taxing District Commission formally adopted a three year Capital Improvement Budget with a prescribed cash flow mechanism in place to assure the budget is properly funded. Although capital budgets had been proposed in the past, they were never properly funded or utilized.

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 14th Free Concert
 Paul King
 Orchestra
 at 3:00 pm
 in the Band Stand
 at Calf's Pasture Beach
- Sept 22nd TTD Commission
 Meeting at 7:00 pm
 Van Zilen Hall
- Sept. 27th Master Story
 Performer
 Leeny Del Seamonds at
 the Library at 10:00am
- October 6th TTD Commission
 Meeting at 7:00 pm
 Van Zilen Hall
- October 20th TTD Commission
 Meeting at 7:00 pm
 Van Zilen Hall
- Nov. 17th TTD Commission
 Meeting at 7:00 pm
 Van Zilen Hall

NEW AUGER TRUCK ARRIVES



One of the items long overdue from any previous capital budget is the purchase of this badly needed auger truck. The truck this replaces had lost its ability to easily dig holes to a proper depth and place a new pole. We were at the mercy of the South Norwalk Electrical Works, SNET, or private pole setting contractors to do this work for us. Costly and time consuming, we would have to schedule our work based on their availability and pay a hefty price for their services.

This new truck eliminates the need to contract out our pole setting requirements. Fully automated, this auger can be operated from a control panel at the base of the auger arm, from a bucket at the top of the auger arm or from a radio controlled hand held panel that allows the workers to be on the ground monitoring the progress of the hole digging where it is being done. A long time coming, this auger truck will last a long time and will be a valuable replacement to our aging inventory.

Line Trucks Outfitted with Automated External Defibrillators

We have recently outfitted two of our line trucks with Automated External Defibrillators. At a recent convention, Commissioner Stephen Feinstein learned about the sensibility and affordability of having these self-contained, life saving units on our trucks.

The AEDs are easy to use and can make the critical difference in reviving our workers who might suffer an electrical shock while on the job. Administered within three minutes, the defibrillators can restore the normal rhythm to the victim's heart and increase survival rates from less than 5% to nearly 75%.



Our Meter Reading technicians are also trained in their use. Additionally, both Line and Meter crews are certified in CPR, as well.

The decal pictured above shows where the compact unit pictured below is kept.



Substation Fencing Installed



The fence replacement project at our Rowan Street substation has gotten under way. When a temporary generator was placed at the substation last summer, the Connecticut Siting Council pointed out the inadequacy of the security the existing fence offered. The aftermath of 9/11 has brought new rules for securing any substation and our poorly maintained perimeter did not come close to meeting the new standards. The new fence will have heavier gauge poles and wire mesh and have plastic inserts to help hide the unsightly transformers from public view.

Library Announces Master Story Performer Leeny Del Seamonds

*** Saturday, 9/27/03 - 10:00 am**
STORYTIME and SING-A-LONG

Master Story Performer Leeny Del Seamonds visits the library to perform “¡Ay Caramba!” - a colorful piñata of folk tales, anecdotes and personal stories decorated with Spanish-English translations and bursting with Latin humor. Come meet Renaldo, the fox who could whistle, participate in a version of the “Three Billy Goats” (“Tres Cabras Llamdos Gruff”) and travel to Spain to meet Médio Pollito, the half chicken. There will be many more tales to enthrall. – Call 838-0408 for more information.

Energy Saving Tips

Except for the infamous northeast electrical outage that was beyond our control, we have not had to ask you to conserve electricity as we assumed we might have to this summer.

In any case, energy conservation is always a good habit to follow. Listed below are just a few ways you can save energy around the house summer and winter.

- Clean or change filters once a month or as needed, and maintain the system according to manufacturer's instructions.
 - If you never use your fireplace, plug and seal the chimney flue.
 - Keep your fireplace damper closed unless a fire is going; this will stop your warm air from escaping through the chimney.
 - Install exterior or interior storm windows; storm windows can reduce your heat loss through the windows by 25% to 50%.
 - Repair and weatherize your current storm windows, if necessary.
 - In cold weather, close your curtains and shades at night; open them during the day.
 - During the cold seasons, keep windows on the south side of your house clean to maximize solar gain.
 - Install white window shades, drapes, or blinds to reflect heat away from the house during the warm season.
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